

**To:** Washburn, Ben[washburn.ben@epa.gov]  
**From:** Carey, Curtis  
**Sent:** Wed 11/4/2015 2:25:21 PM  
**Subject:** RE: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Thanks,

Let me bring it in front of the leadership team.

**From:** Washburn, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:14 AM  
**To:** Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Good morning Curtis,

It looks as if Veronique will moderate.

Let me know how you want me to follow up.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Johns, Ashley N." <johnsa@umsl.edu>  
**Date:** November 3, 2015 at 3:18:34 PM CST  
**To:** "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Hi Ben,

I just wanted to touch base to let you know that Veronique from St. Louis Public Radio has agreed to moderate as long as we have equal representation from both

"sides". We have confirmed with MO Coalition for the Environment, as well as the local grassroots "stl moms" group (I'm not sure if they go by another name but that's what they go by on Facebook). And I'm hopeful that Republic Services will attend with the news that Veronique is moderating and that the EPA will (hopefully) be participating. I completely agree that we need to have a balanced panel to put on a successful event, so I'm hoping that you guys can join us.

Veronique also had some great ideas on how to structure the panel, which would include an overview of the situation from her as an introduction, followed by her asking each panelist some questions to get their general points of view rather than have you each give a presentation. Then we would have a Q&A with the audience, which we could leave as open or we could ask for questions to be submitted on paper to be screened before read. I think the panelists should have the final say in what they're more comfortable with in that regard.

Any feedback is appreciated it. I'd like all the panelists to feel comfortable and confident that this event is worth their time.

Thanks again,

Ashley Johns  
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**From:** Johns, Ashley N.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:45 AM  
**To:** Washburn, Ben  
**Subject:** RE: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Hello again,

We solidified the forum details this morning. The discussion panel will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at 2 p.m. We are estimating it to last 1.5-2 hours depending on how many speakers we actually get. It will be held in the Millennium Student Center here on UMSL's campus.

Thanks,

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**From:** Johns, Ashley N.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** Washburn, Ben  
**Subject:** RE: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Hi Ben,

Thanks for getting back to me. Invites have been sent out to the following organizations for the panel: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Republic Services, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster's office, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Mark Diedrich from the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management, and the local mom's grassroots group. I don't have any confirmations yet but we've invited everyone to the table. I've also asked Veronique Lacapra from St. Louis Public Radio to moderate since she's been covering the landfill stories and takes a very unbiased approach to it.

As far as the panel goes, I'd like to give each speaker 15-20 minutes to give a brief background about their involvement with the landfill and other educational information they may have, followed by their professional opinion on if the UMSL community is affected by the landfill, or if we could be in the future. We will also provide an information sheet for attendees to take with them for more reading, which we would gladly take suggestions for.

We don't want this to be a debate, we just want to provide a platform for all parties involved to share what they know and the audience can form their own opinion. The length of time for the speakers will depend on how many speakers we actually get, but I think as long as we fit everything into a 2 hour period we can be flexible.

Let me know if you have any other questions, comments, or suggestions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Washburn, Ben [[washburn.ben@epa.gov](mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 7:41 AM

**To:** Johns, Ashley N.

**Subject:** RE: invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Hi Ashley,

Thank you for reaching out. Can you tell me more about the panel? Who have you invited to participate and who has confirmed? Who will moderate the panel? How long will the panel and question and answer session last? Please let me know these details as it will assist us.

Thanks,

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**From:** Johns, Ashley N. [<mailto:johnsa@umsl.edu>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 2:07 PM

**To:** Washburn, Ben <[washburn.ben@epa.gov](mailto:washburn.ben@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** invitation to west lake landfill forum at UMSL

Good Afternoon,

I pulled your contact information from a news release you put out last week, and I'm hoping maybe you can help or that you could point me in the right direction. I am assisting two student organizations in coordinating a "West Lake Landfill Forum" which will act as an educational tool for students, staff, and faculty on campus. We are inviting various groups to represent themselves and inform the audience on how they've been involved and what they know. We will then have a panel Q&A once everyone has gotten their designated time to speak. We are putting this panel together because the campus is 10.4 miles away from the landfill and we would like everyone here to be as educated as possible.

If you, or someone from the EPA, would be interested in joining us please feel free to call or email me. We are still working on reserving a room on campus to hold this, but are hoping for a Wednesday afternoon in the coming month or so.

Thank you for your time,

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